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SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING SURVEY

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- 1. DEPARTMENT AND USIA CONCUR EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT IMPORTANCE IAS ROLE IN SPECIALIZED ENGLISH TRAINING IN IRAN TO MEET POTENTIAL EL NEEDS ARISING FROM JOINT COMMISSION PROJECTS.
- 2. REQUEST POST CONTACT DR. KATHARINE ASTON TO INQUIRE WHETHER SHE AND ILLINOIS TEAM COULD UNDERTAKE SURVEY AND IF SO, ESTIMATED COST, TIME REQUIRED, AND WHEN IT COULD BEGIN. SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE SHOULD BE DESIGNED BY ASTON IN CONSULTATION WITH POST. QUESTIONNAIRE SHOULD BE ADMINISTERED ORALLY BY VISIT OF SURVEYOR TO SCHOOL RATHER THAN IN WRITING OR BY MAIL.

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3. OUTLINE OF INFORMATION TO BE OBTAINED BY SURVEY:

- A. GENERAL. NAME, LOCATION OF SCHOOL; SIZE OF FACULTY, STUDENT BODY; HOURS OF OPERATION PER WEEK, WEEKS PER YEAR; TEXTS USED; HOW OLD IS SCHOOL.
- B. CLASSES. LEVEL (BEGINNING, INTERMEDIATE, ADVANCED, SPECIALIZED ENGLISH; INTENSIVE, NON-INTENSIVE) AVERAGE SIZE; NUMBER CLASS HOURS PER WEEK.
- C. STUDENTS. PREVIOUS EDUCATION (SECONDARY GRAD., UNIV. STUDENT ETC.); DISTRIBUTION OF STUDENTS AMONG CLASS LEVELS; AVERAGE LENGTH ATTENDANCE; LEVEL ACHIEVED BY TERMINATING STUDENTS; ARE STUDENTS TESTED ON ENTRANCE AND AT COMPLETION.
- D. STAFF. NATIVE VS. NON-NATIVE SPEAKERS; LEVEL OF TRAINING (UNIV. TEFL, UNIV. GENERAL; NO TEFL ETC.); TEACHING EXPERIENCE IRAN, ELSEWHERE.
- E. FUTURE. CAN SCHOOL ACCOMMODATE MORE STUDENTS WITH PRESENT STAFF AND FACILITIES? TO WHAT EXTENT CAN SCHOOL EXPAND ITS SPECIALIZED ENGLISH CLASSES; IF EXPANSION FEASIBLE, WHAT WOULD BE REQUIRED IN STAFF, SPACE?
- F. EVALUATION. SURVEYORS EVALUATION OF QUALITY OF CURRENT INSTRUCTION AND FUTURE POTENTIAL WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE SPECIALIZED ENGLISH ON SEMI-INTENSIVE OR INTENSIVE BASIS.
- 4. ALL ABOVE INFORMATION MAY NOT BE OBTAINABLE FOR ALL SCHOOLS.
- 5. IN VIEW EARLIER DISCUSSIONS POSSIBLE JOINT BRITISH COUNCIL-US SURVEY, BC LONDON HAS BEEN INFORMED OF OUR CURRENT INTEREST. JOINTLY ADMINISTERED SURVEY MAY BE TOO CUMBERSOME IN VIEW TIME FACTOR. HOWEVER, ONE REASON TO DISCUSS OUR INTENTION CONDUCT SURVEY WITH BC IRAN IS THAT SURVEY SHOULD INCLUDE BC'S EXTENSIVE ELT FACILITIES IN IRAN. DESPITE DIFFERENCES BRITISH-AMERICAN TECHNICAL ENGLISH VOCABULARIES, WHICH NOT INSURMOUNTABLE PROBLEM, UNCLASSIFIED

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BRITISH HAVE DEVOTED MORE RESOURCES TO DEVELOPING COURSES AND MATERIALS FOR TEACHING SPECIALIZED ENGLISH THAN HAS US. FURTHER, BC IS INCREASING THIS TYPE PROGRAM IN IRAN AND FOR IRANIAN TECHNICAL PERSONNEL IN UK.

6. DEPARTMENT ANTICIPATES THAT JOINT COMMISSION PROJECTS WILL REQUIRE KNOWLEDGE ENGLISH AND SPECIALIZED ENGLISH ON PART LARGE NUMBER IRANIANS. PRESSURE WILL BE TO BRING

THEM TO US FOR THIS LANGUAGE TRAINING ESPECIALLY IF THEY ARE TO RECEIVE TECHNICAL TRAINING HERE. PURPOSE OF SURVEY IS TO DETERMINE EXISTING OR POTENTIAL FACILITIES IN IRAN TO PROVIDE REQUIRED LANGUAGE TRAINING. EXISTING FACILITIES IN US FOR SPECIALIZED EL TRAINING BELOW UNIVERSITY STUDENT LEVEL ARE MEAGER. KISSINGER

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